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#### "FIDDLING BOB" DROPS BOW.

Senator Robert Taylor's Death Follows Shock of Operation.

Washington, March 31.—Robert Love Taylor, United States Senator from Tennessee—"Fiddling Bob" to all the South—died here to-day, unable to withstand the shock of an operation for gallstones performed last Thursday.

Early this morning the Senator began to fail to respond to stimulants. Mrs. Taylor, worn-out by day and night vigils, had gone to her apartments. At 3 o'clock this morning the Senator began to sink so rapidly that she was sent for. She was at his bedside when the end came at 9.40 o'clock.

#### Fiddling Way to Hearts.

"Fiddling Bob" Taylor, so known because he played his way into the hearts of his audiences, carrying his violin wherever he campaigned, was 61 years old. He was born at Happy Valley, in Eastern Tennessee, but spent most of his life at Nashville, practicing law. He belonged to an office-holding family. His father was a Representative in Congress and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and an uncle was in the Confederate Senate. Once Pension Agent at Knoxville, thence Governor of Tennessee, from 1887 to 1891, and 1897 to 1899, Senator Taylor forged his way to the National House of Representatives from the same Congressional district that had previously sent his father to Congress and later his brother, Alfred A. Taylor, whom he subsequently defeated for Governor.

Senator Taylor was a Cleveland Democrat. He had served in the Senate since January, 1907, his principal activity being in behalf of a comparative system of good roads and the Lakes-to-the-Gulf deep waterway project.

His last speech in the Senate was made last July in advocacy of a Confederate monument bill. His last appearance in the Senate chamber was a fortnight ago. Senator Taylor is survived by his widow, a son, David Taylor, and three married daughters in Tennessee. He was stricken March 15 at the union station as he was about to board a train for North Carolina. He was hurried to his apartments, suffering intense pain from gallstones.

Operation for their removal was urged, but he flatly refused to submit to the knife. Meantime the poison was diffused in his system and he finally acquiesced, but to the delay his death is attributed. Last Thursday two gallstones were removed and the operation was regarded as successful, but stomach complication developed, causing extreme weakness, to which he finally succumbed.

The Senate to-morrow will pay tribute by an early adjournment. Both Houses will appoint committees to attend the funeral at Senator Taylor's old home in Knoxville. The burial service will be held there probably Wednesday.

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#### Pitched Battle on Streets.

Charlotte, N. C., March 31.—A pitched battle occurred on the streets of Rockingham late last night between officers and a number of linemen employed by a local concern, in which three of the officers were wounded and several of the linemen badly beaten. The latter were drinking, it is alleged. One of them had been arrested for creating a disturbance and the others rushed the officers with the intention of freeing their comrade. The shooting resulted.

#### BEGINNING CO-OPERATIVE WORK.

Demonstration Agents and County Superintendents Met at Clemson.

The joint conference of farmers' demonstration agents and County Superintendents of Education was called to order in the main building of Clemson College last Wednesday morning at 9.30 o'clock. There were about one hundred present, and Dr. W. M. Riggs delivered a most characteristic address of welcome, in which he assured the visitors that it was a day marking the beginning of an era of good feeling for the college, and, as a consequence, a widening of its influence throughout the State. He said they had nothing to hide, and for every visitor to ask students and faculty any questions relative to the institution that they saw proper.

Bradford Knapp, of Washington, responded and said that the placing of the United States farm demonstration men under the management of Clemson College would bring the two forces in direct contact with the farmer and he would see what each is doing to help him. This is the first thing of the kind in the United States, and the farmers of South Carolina would be watched to see whether or not the plan is a success. If it is, then it will be established in other States.

W. L. English, who is general field agent for this State, and located at Clemson College, in speaking of the duties of the field agent, said that the farming industry can't be revolutionized in one year, but that the farmers could be stimulated and enthused over their work, and this would work the revolution.

The general field agent for the United States, W. W. Long, then said that the relation of the Demonstration work and Clemson College is a forceful example of the spirit of co-operation that is permeating every vocation to-day. It is that spirit that is so essential to the success of schools and farmers. When men get that spirit they are less selfish and are possessed with a real missionary spirit, which creates within them a zeal for service to the State.

Prof. J. N. Harper, of the college, then spoke of the relation of the college to the people through its experimental work. He said that the mission of the college is to work out the experiment, and from that result to tell the people what to do, and it is "up to" them to do it.

This closed the session of the first morning. After this one the morning sessions were joint and the afternoon sessions were separate, the demonstration agents being instructed in their particular work and the County Superintendents holding conferences as to their duties. During the time many excellent addresses were made and much valuable information gained.

The morning session Thursday was taken up with the boys' corn club and girls' tomato club work. It was clearly demonstrated by concrete examples that the work among the boys and girls is doing more to improve conditions in the South than any other one thing that has been undertaken in recent years. As an extra stimulus to boys who are unable to get a full agricultural course, the Legislature at its last session passed what is known as the Minnis bill, which provides for a scholarship from each county for one boy who has achieved something in an agricultural way before he is eighteen can get the scholarship, and it is good for only one year. We hope that Oconee's place will never be vacant. President Riggs will be glad to give full information to any one concerning the matter.

There were numerous other things of interest that claimed the attention of the visitors, but lack of space forbids a full account.

One thing must not be omitted, however, and that is the royal manner in which the visitors were entertained.

#### ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR REED.

Special Term Jury Convicts of Attempt to Criminally Assault.

Anderson, April 1.—Convicted of attempting to criminally assault the wife of a prominent farmer of Dean Station, this county, on February 26 last, William Reed, colored, was today sentenced to die in the electric chair at the State penitentiary on July 12th.

A special term of court was convened here to-day for the purpose of giving Reed a speedy trial. He appeared in the court room without a lawyer and Judge Prince appointed three prominent members of the local bar to defend him. The indictment was handed to the grand jury and a true bill was returned within a few minutes. The jury was selected without much delay and the case was entered upon.

#### Witnesses for State.

For the State Sheriff King and Supervisor Pearman, who brought Reed to the county jail, testified telling of Reed's confession of having gone into the house of the lady for the purpose of burglary. The lady upon whom the attack was made was next called to the witness stand. The court room was cleared by Judge Prince, only the persons directly interested in the case being allowed to hear her testimony.

#### Defendant's Story.

Reed was the only witness to take the stand for the defense. He declared that he went into the house for the purpose of stealing some money, with which he intended to buy corn; that he entered the room occupied by the lady, not knowing that she was in there. Reed was subjected to a severe cross-examination by the solicitor and made a very poor witness for himself. Many material facts strongly against him could not be explained by Reed.

The jury retired with the case about noon and returned a verdict of guilty. The jury reached a verdict a few minutes after retiring with the case.

When asked by Judge Prince if he knew of any reason why sentence should not be passed upon him, Reed shook his head. He has maintained his silence since the death sentence was passed, refusing to make any comment on the trial or its outcome.

#### City of Memphis Flooded.

Memphis, Tenn., April 2.—The city levee at Auction street broke at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and the entire northern part of Memphis is flooded.

Thousands were rescued by the police and fire departments. Dozens of families were compelled to take to houseboats. Household furniture was carried away by the terrible current. Street car service on north Memphis lines has been suspended.

The break occurred at the intersection of Bayou Gayoso and a large sewer. Forces have been rushed to other parts of the city to check the overflow.

With the Mississippi river here a foot higher than it has ever been known to reach before, and with rains falling generally throughout the river valley, the worst flood ever known here is feared to-day.

Steamers loaded with refugees from the inundated country are arriving and report that the river stretched over miles of territory, with only occasional islands of high land appearing above the surface. Dwellings, barns and sheds have been swept away by the flood and have floated down the river.

#### Desperate Work to Save City.

Paducah, Ky., April 1.—Reports reached here to-day that water had begun to overflow the levees at Cairo, Ill., and that the city is rapidly filling with water. According to the reports, every available workman is stacking sand bags on the top of the levee in an effort to stop the flow.

At Columbus steamboats can navigate any street of the city.

At Dexter, Mo., the Mississippi is 75 miles wide. The river here stands 46.5 feet. A heavy rain is falling. Helena, Ark., is also seriously threatened by the Mississippi river flood.

#### \$350,000 to Save Cities.

Washington, April 2.—By unanimous vote to-day the House passed the Ransdell bill appropriating \$350,000 to be immediately available to strengthen the levees of the Mississippi river. President Taft had sent in a special message urging an immediate appropriation to save the threatened cities.

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tertained. Rooms were assigned in the barracks with the boys and meals served in the mess hall, to which all were invited. Then, too, the courteous attention that was given by President Riggs and his faculty and the corps of cadets deserves special mention.

It is proposed to make the event an annual one if the initial step proves to be satisfactory, and it seems that it would be an excellent way to keep the people in touch with one of their great educational institutions and let them see first hand what it is doing for them.

#### UNITED STATES TO AID MADERO.

Consents to Permit Shipment of Arms Into Mexico.

Washington, March 30.—President Francisco Madero, of Mexico, has decided upon a vigorous campaign against the rebels, and the American government has consented to permit the shipment from the United States of arms and ammunition for his soldiers. These important developments in the complicated Mexican situation were learned here to-day.

It is the intention of Madero to replenish his diminished army with fresh recruits, throwing them around the strongholds of the rebels. The serious problem of arming this has been simplified by a decision of the United States authorizing, in special permission in each case, the Mexican government to purchase munitions of war here and ship them across the border. Under this policy three consignments of arms and ammunition already have gone into Mexico.

The joint resolution of Congress which President Taft's recent proclamation forbidding the exportation of munitions of war was issued, authorized the President to make exceptions in his discretion. The attitude of President Taft, as explained by officials here, is to permit the Mexican government to buy whatever it pleases in this country. This is no violation of neutrality, it is added, as the belligerency of the revolutionists has not been recognized. Extreme precautions will be taken to prevent war supplies, consigned to the Mexican government, from falling into the hands of the rebels.

#### Entire Squad Killed.

Mexico City, March 30.—Nearly an entire squad of 50 soldiers guarding a passenger train, which was proceeding from Mexico City to Cuernavaca, was killed by Zapatistas 50 miles south of here to-day.

The train returned to-night with the dead, including the engine. The other bodies were left on the field. The passenger train was pulled back to the capital by a freight train.

#### LIVE WITH GOLDEN WEST.

Where the Budworm Buddeth Not, Nor Does the Weevil Weave.

Florence, Cal., March 23.—Editor Keowee Courier: Just a few words to remind you that I am on the Pacific coast, in the land of flowers and the home of the orange and lemon, and a thousand different wonders here where there are not any in old South Carolina.

I must say this country is a Paradise as compared to our old home State. Everything is now in a flourishing state—thousands of acres in fruit, alfalfa and barley. It has rained once since I arrived here on the 7th of March—the first time in a year. But every farm is supplied by irrigation. Land here is cheap, ranging in price from \$300 to \$1,000 an acre, and wages are no less than 25 cents per hour. More money can be made here on one acre than on ten in the East, and cold weather is unknown. One may be quite comfortable here the year round and never see an overcoat. There are good water, good churches and good schools, and the finest roads in the world. Here is the opportunity for a good home at reasonable rates, and never see another stalk of cotton or corn.

The finest horses I have ever seen are here, and dairying is good. Milk cows bring \$100 to \$150 each, and they are cheap at that. Believe me, the Golden State is too charming to me for me to die in old Georgia, my former home. So I think I shall dispose of my Eastern property and locate here in Florence.

Must say the honey industry here is very profitable. Wages are \$50 and expenses here to work in an apary. Near here is the Cudahy Ranch of 5,000 acres, all in fruit trees.

Would write more but for lack of time. I intend to leave here for home at an early date, only to prepare to return.

Wishing all the readers of your dear old paper much success,  
Yours very truly,  
Elias N. Holden.

#### Last of Allen Gang Located.

Hillsville, Va., April 2.—Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, of the Allen gang of outlaws, were located at Volunteer Gap, 13 miles from here, shortly after 9 o'clock to-day.

The posse trailing the two men sent a message here asking for reinforcements, and every available man set out for the scene.

The reinforcements were led by Sergeant White and Corporal Hartigan, of the State militia, who have been on guard over every prisoner taken here. A fresh posse, accompanied by five trained, map-hunting bloodhounds, at dawn to-day began searching the district between Ward's Gap and Willis Gap for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the two remaining outlaws of the Allen gang, which at first consisted of eight.

The men were heavily armed, and are making a cautious circuit of the point where Allen and Edwards are hiding, about midway between their two bases of food supply.

#### TWO NEGROES WERE LYNCHED.

Guard House Stormed By Small Mob and Prisoners Hanged.

Blacksburg, March 29.—After committing an unmentionable crime on a white man, Joe Brinson and Frank Whisonant, colored, each about 30 years old, were taken from the guard house here shortly after midnight this morning and hanged to the rafters in a deserted blacksmith shop. The mob was composed of a comparatively small number of white men and quickly dispersed after the lynching.

A prominent and respectable laboring man of Blacksburg was carried to a deserted spot in a cemetery by the two negroes. He went of his own accord and drank a pint of whiskey with the negroes. Becoming intoxicated, the man was forced to commit an unmentionable action on the person of the negroes.

The white man later became sober and made known the negroes' action. A mob was quickly formed, but yesterday afternoon it was thought that all danger of a lynching had passed. The negroes were not turned over to the Cherokee county authorities, but lodged in the city jail at this place. About midnight the lone policeman who guards the safety of Blacksburg retired and the prisoners were alone in the little calaboose. There was absolutely no excitement or noise, and shortly after midnight a party of white men forced down the back door of the jail and took possession of the two negroes. Within 100 yards of the town hall and in an old shanty the negroes were hanged to the rafters of the building and their bodies left to be found early this morning.

Sheriff Thomas, of Cherokee county, who was in Gaffney at the time, was notified of the crime and left this morning for the scene. Solicitor Otts was also notified and will investigate the case and attempt to ascertain the names of the guilty parties.

The town is perfectly quiet to-day, and no one can imagine who the guilty parties are. No one seems to know a thing about the matter and many have suggested that it is probable that the negroes broke out of jail and committed suicide.

The white man in the case is said to be a respectable laboring man of Blacksburg, and one who enjoys a good reputation.

#### DEATH OF JAS. H. HARKINS.

Ebenezer Boys, After Two Months' Practice, Take Down Medal.

Ebenezer, April 1.—Special: Rain and mud are still in abundance and farmers are very blue and are getting badly behind with their work. No planting has been done in this section so far, and but little gardening has been commenced as yet. Rain is falling again to-day.

The many friends of James H. Harkins were very sorry to hear of his death here on March 28th. Mr. Harkins had resided in Oconee county for many years. He was well known and highly respected by all who knew him. To his family is extended the sympathy of many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Galbreath, of Richland, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis.

The young people of the community gave Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Davis a surprise singing Saturday night. All report a good time.

Henry Thompson and bride, of Anderson, visited his brother, R. A. Thompson, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hunnicutt, of Stamp Creek, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitmore Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Hutchison and daughter, Miss Marie, of West Union, are spending a few days with Mrs. W. J. Huskamp.

There will be an all-day singing at Ebenezer on April 14th. Everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets. All good singers are requested to come and bring their song books. Several singers from Pickens are expected to be present.

Our school is in a flourishing condition under the management of O. C. Lyles, principal. Miss Letitia Grant and Miss Bertha Brucke. Our school has been doing a good work this session.

The boys organized a track team about two months ago. They haven't had time for much practice, but they attended the track meet at Seneca Saturday, and brought back one of the medals, won by Ernest Snead. All our boys did themselves credit in other events considering their practice.

The citizens of Seneca have our heartfelt thanks for courtesies shown our boys while in Seneca.

#### Tried to Kill Senator Gore.

Waukesha, Wis., March 30.—Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, narrowly escaped death this afternoon, when a crazed Pole, Charles Shomulk, attacked him with a club while the Senator was speaking. The Pole was sitting near the stage, and in the midst of the Senator's speech suddenly leaped to the platform, drawing a club from under his overcoat as he jumped, and swung instantly at the Senator's head.

One of the men on the stage, Judge P. Chaffin, was quicker than the mauler, however, and knocked Shomulk off the stand before his blow landed. The Senator, who could not see his danger, was unaware of the incident until later.

#### RICHLAND WINS SECOND PLACE.

Found "Bearded Men" and "Legal Voters," But Stuck to It.

Richland, April 1.—Special: The farmers of this section have been busy the past week hauling fertilizer to their homes.

Miss Lynn Verner spent several days last week with friends in Seneca.

W. H. Hughes made a business trip to Toccoa Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ada Wyly has returned home from Evatt, where she has been teaching school.

S. N. Hughes spent several days last week in Bostwick, Ga.

An event of much interest to the Richland people will be the marriage of M. C. McDonald and Miss Power, of Anderson, Wednesday, April 3d. Mrs. Lucy Burris will entertain in honor of this happy young couple Friday evening.

The following were elected by the Richland Presbyterian Sunday school as delegates to the Sunday school convention which will meet at Richland church Friday and Saturday: Miss Lalla Billenger, J. R. Wright, Mrs. Ella Doyle and J. P. Stribling.

The great event of the past week with our people was the track meet at Seneca. Our school went down in wagons and the track team on the train. When our boys reached the grounds and looked over the other teams they realized that they were "up against it." We had only six boys, all under 18 years old, and only average size for their age—and these were competing with teams composed of bearded men, railroad employees, registered voters, tall men, broad men—men almost twice our size and age—all in school, however, and terribly bent on an education in the spring of the year, and more anxious to win in the track work. With all these terrible odds against us we, with a courage born of hope and a determination born and nurtured by the Richland nerve and spirit, threw the Richland colors in the ring, and our boys, like the "Black Horse and His Rider," were seen anywhere and everywhere—only not one of them was caught last or behind; often in front and all the time "galloping in the front rank." At last we took second place by the side of the bearded men of the Big Westminister High School, lowering their lead considerably over last year, and almost doubling the score for last year.

As we watched the quarter-mile run in the track meet we were reminded of the jack rabbits in Texas. Robert Davis, the "jack rabbit" of Richland, in the first half of the race, ran clear away from the hounds and looked back to find nothing in sight, and came in on the "home stretch" "dead easy," playing to the grand stand and with one ear flopped back listening for the hounds and one eye forward "blinking and winking" at the Richland girls. Truly this "jack rabbit" is in a class to himself. He was the best all-round athlete at the meet. He won 22 points by himself; he won two first places and four seconds. The other boys made a fine showing also, some winning one or more points.

The hurdle race was fine. Stribling, of Seneca, leading; Stribling and Coe, of Richland, close second and third, all in a bunch, with the breath of the second and third boy blowing cold upon the shoulder of the boy in front—only a "hair's breadth" between, you know. Always perfect in form, every knee at proper height, every toe taking care of itself. Our "to the manner born" superintendent (Barnett) knows how to crook and twist the boys for the hurdles and everything else in connection with track work. Little Bill Davis—"the little boy in the meet"—"do run amazing" on the half-mile race, taking fourth place. He will cut a mighty figure when he is bigger.

That "plucky little Richland school" is proud of her achievements in the track work and ask for only one step higher next year. The track boys will practice hard this week, for they will go to Greenville on April 12 to the Piedmont Inter-High School meet.

#### LEXINGTON GOES TO THE COLLEGE.

Lutherans Select a Site—Holders Value Property at \$90,000.

Columbia, March 30.—The Summerland Inn property, in Lexington county, offered jointly by Batesburg and Leesville, and comprising the hotel with forty acres of land, the whole valued by the holders at \$90,000, has been selected by the locating committee from among the several sites offered for the college for girls, which is to be established by the Lutherans of South Carolina.

Other sites were tendered by Columbia, Lexington, Sumter and Florence. Lexington's offer, however, had been withdrawn.

The decision reached by the committee to locate at Leesville is subject to review by both the conference and synod of the church.

#### Charged With Murder of 5 Persons.

Houston, Texas, April 1.—The trial of A. H. Sheffield, charged with the murder of five persons, was called here to-day. Just two years ago the bodies of Gus Shultz, his wife and two babies and Walter Elchman, a boarder, were found in the Shultz residence here. Sheffield denies the killing.

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